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SUBJECT: OPENING OF THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

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1. THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS BEGAN IN JIDDA AT 1030 HOURS LOCAL SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1975. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION, THE OUTGOING MALAYSIAN PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE CONCLUDED A EULOGY TO THE MEMORY OF KING FAISAL AND THE LATE OMAR SAQQAF (SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS) BY URGING HIS FELLOW DELEGATES TO ELECT SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN, PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL, PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE BY ACCLAMATION. THIS WAS DONE, AND BY ACCLAMATION ALSO, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY OF PAKISTAN AGHA SAHHI WAS NAMED RAPPORTEUR OF THE CONFERENCE, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SUDAN MANSUR KHALID WAS NAMED ITS SPOKESMAN.

2. PRINCE SAUD THEN TOOK THE CHAIR, AND PLACED ON THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION THE MEMBERSHIP OF IRAQ. THIS NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY THE LIBYAN DELEGATE, AND ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION. THE LIBYAN DELEGATE ASKED WHETHER THE MALDIVE ISLANDS SHOULD NOT ALSO BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP, SINCE THEY TOO WERE LISTED ON THE AGENDA. PRINCE SAUD REPLIED THAT THE MALDIVE ISLANDS' MEMBERSHIP WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON THE AGENDA BUT THEIR DELEGATION HAD NOT ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS EITHER APPROVE THE MALDIVE ISLANDS' MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONAL ON THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING, OR POSTPONE THE MATTER ENTIRELY TO THE NEXT MEETING. THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE CARRIED. AT THIS POINT THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION ENTERED THE HALL AND TOOK THEIR SEATS AS AN OBSERVER DELEGATION. PRINCE SAUD WELCOMED THEM AND HOPED

THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO WELCOME THEM IN FUTURE MEETINGS  
AS FULL MEMBERS.

3. KING KHALID, ACCOMPANIED BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD BIN  
ABD AL-AZIZ, SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ABDULLAH BIN  
ABD AL-AZIZ, MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABD  
AL-AZIZ AND VARIOUS OTHER MINISTERS NEXT ENTERED THE  
CONFERENCE ROOM AMIDST APPLAUSE. KING KHALID WAS  
FLANKED BY YASSIR ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE  
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, WHO SLIPPED OFF INTO A SIDE  
SEAT WITH OTHER PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES AS THE KING  
MOVED TO THE ROSTRUM.

4. PRINCE SAUD, SPEAKING TO THE KING AND THE ASSEMBLED  
DELEGATES GAVE THE INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS (REPORTED IN  
FBIS LONDON 121119Z JULY 75).

5. THE IRANIAN CHIEF DELEGATE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS KHALATBARY ENDED THE OPEN SESSION OF THE CONFER-  
ENCE BY THANKING HIS HOSTS FOR THE SPLENDID ARRANGEMENTS  
THAT HAD BEEN MADE FOR ALL DELEGATES. KING KHALID, FOLLOWED  
BY THE SENIOR PRINCES, MINISTERS AND YASSIR ARAFAT, FILED  
OUT. AFTER A FIVE OR TEN MINUTE PAUSE THE DIPLOMATIC  
CORPS WAS INVITED TO LEAVE, AS THE CONFERENCE MOVED INTO  
A CLOSED SESSION. COMMENT: PRINCE SAUD'S OPENING STATE-  
MENT, PLUS THE PRESENCE OF YASSIR ARAFAT, ARE SIGNS THAT  
ISRAEL'S OCCUPATION OF JERUSALEM AND PERHAPS OF ALL ARAB  
LAND ACQUIRED IN THE 1967 WAR, WILL BE SEVERELY CRITICIZED  
BY THE CONFERENCE.  
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